

Widening Access to Specialty Training (WAST) Interview Format

The WAST interview will consist of three different stations:

1. Psychiatry Communication Scenario – Interaction with Patient (10 minutes)

You are a Foundation Year 2 Doctor on an orthopaedic ward. Jan Smith has been admitted to hospital this morning as a day case for a knee arthroscopy to be done under general anaesthetic. You will be provided with a full scenario a week ahead of the interview. You have ten minutes with the patient or you can finish earlier if you choose to do so.

Likely panel members: 2 Psychiatrists, 1 simulated patient

2. Psychiatry Debrief Station (12 minutes)

For the first 5 minutes of this station, you will be asked to reflect on your interaction with the patient in the previous station. For the next seven minutes, you will be asked questions on the topic of self-harm.

Likely panel members: 1 Psychiatrist, 1 General Practitioner

3. Acute Clinical Scenario (12 minutes)

You will be given 2 minutes to read a patient scenario and then the panel will ask questions exploring your clinical understanding and suggested management. You will need to demonstrate your systematic approach to the immediate assessment and treatment of a critically ill or injured patient. The panel will expect you to use a recognisable systematic approach similar to that described within ALS / ILS / PHTLS algorithms.

Likely panel members: 2 General Practitioners

After the interview you will be required to complete a pilot situational judgement test (SJT). SJTs are designed to assess individuals' judgement regarding situations encountered in the workplace or during training. The test is designed to measure target attributes including: empathy and compassion, professional integrity, team collaboration and adaptability and resilience. You will be presented with 20 scenarios following which you will be asked to rate the desirability of a series of options in response to the scenario. You will take the test on a tablet, in an invigilated room under exam conditions. The test should take around 40 minutes to complete.

Please contact the WAST recruitment team (WAST.recruitment@hee.nhs.uk) if you have any further queries.